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1882

January 5, 1882

“That Sunday Yacht” The Signs of the Times 8, 1, p. 7.

ON the subject of that wonderful(?) testimony to Sunday sacredness, the fate of the yacht Sabbath-breaker, as published in the SIGNS of Dec. 1, 1881, I would offer the following:—*SITI January 5, 1882, page 7.1*

“Nearly three years ago I heard that identical story told (with the exception of any locality) by a man in Oregon, as a powerful argument in favor of Sunday-keeping. But it was wholly traditional with him; he did not even pretend to tell where it happened. And I am perfectly satisfied that no one will ever find a place in California, or anywhere else, where it occurred.*SITI January 5, 1882, page 7.2*

I should have no hesitation whatever in saying that it is altogether an invention of some over-zealous advocate of the Sunday institution, and they find it so well adapted to their purpose that it is passed on from one to another, and no questions asked lest it should prove false. Doubtless the person who put the story in that paper originally, thought that by placing the scene in California, he would fit its so if far away that no one would discover the fraud.*SITI January 5, 1882, page 7.3*

However I apprehend that this is only the beginning of what will become quite general ere long, and I do not know whether from the nature of things we should expect anything else. For when the people of this enlightened age wilfully shut their eyes, and turn their backs to the evidence of all history, and deliberately go back to the darkest period of the Dark Ages, for an issue (Church and State), it is only to be expected that the methods of the Dark Ages will be employed for the success, and the defense of that issue.*SITI January 5, 1882, page 7.4*

And again the world is to behold the spectacle of the Church defending by violence, the power that she has obtained by fraud.*SITI January 5, 1882, page 7.5*

ALONZO T. JONES.
Spangle, W. T.

March 2, 1882

“Farmington, Whitman County, W. T.” The Signs of the Times 8, 8, p. 104.

COMMENCED meetings here January 17. On Sabbath, February 4, seventy-six were at the morning meeting, and thirty-four signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. Several are keeping it who have not signed the covenant, and I have hopes that more will keep it, who are favorable. Attendance has ranged from fifty to three hundred. Varioloid appeared in town to-day, and school and all meetings are discontinued for three weeks.*SITI March 2, 1882, page 104.1*

ALONZO T. JONES.
February 7, 1882.

March 30, 1882

“Farmington, W. T.” The Signs of the Times 8, 13, p. 152.

HAVING to discontinue meetings in Farmington on account of small-pox, I went six miles out to Dutch Flat school-house and held a short series of meetings. As a result eight are keeping the Lord’s Sabbath. These are near enough to Farmington to belong to that church. There are now forty-two names on the covenant, and some are observing the Lord’s day who have not signed the covenant. The Methodist minister gave two opposition discourses on March 5th which helped us much. The no-law pamphlet of S. C. Adams, of Historical Chart fame, has been distributed lately, which has also helped us. I had reviewed its positions before it was circulated. May the word of the Lord mightily grow and prevail.*SITI March 30, 1882, page 152.1*

A. T. JONES.

June 22, 1882

“Upper Columbia Conference” The Signs of the Times 8, 24, pp. 284, 285.

THE second annual session of the Upper Columbia Conference of S. D. Adventists convened at the camp-ground in Dayton, W. T., June 1, 1882, at 9 o’clock A. M. President Eld. G. W. Colcord in the chair. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggoner. Credentials of delegates being called for, the following were presented: Walla Walla two, Dayton one, Pataha one, Meadows one, Farmington one. Alpowai one, Medical Lake one. Spokane Co. one.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.1*

Voted that Eld. J. H. Waggoner be accepted as representative of the General Conference. Minutes of last session read and approved. Instructive remarks were made by Eld. Waggoner on the idea of attendance at camp-meeting, and representation in Conference.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.2*

Voted that all committees be appointed by the Chair.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.3*

Committees were named as follows: Nominations, M. O. Beck, W. A. Gibson, E. E. Vinson. Resolutions, J. H. Waggoner, A. T. Jones, Wm. I. Goodwin; Credentials and Licenses, B. F. Winkler, T. A. McCoy, I. M. Johns; Auditing, I. M. Johns, T. Chabor, B. F. Winkler, E. E. Vinson, L. W. Butler, T. S. Ragsdale.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.4*

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, JUNE 4, 8 A. M.

President in the chair. Prayer by Eld. Colcord. Credentials of other delegates presented as follows: Milton two, Snipe Valley one. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.5*

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, Eld. G. W. Colcord; Secretary Eld. A. T. Jones; Treasurer, Wm.

Nichols, Ex. Committee Ambrose Johnson, T. L. Ragsdale. The nominees were elected. The Committee on Credentials and Licenses recommended, that credentials be renewed to Elders G. W. Colcord and A. T. Jones, and that licenses be renewed to Brethren Wm. Russell and W. A. Gibson. The report was accepted, and the Committee retained for further inquiry. Credentials and licenses were renewed according to report.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 284.6*

Voted that the Camp-meeting Committee be secured by the Executive Committee, who were empowered to pay for the services of such Committee if necessary.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.1*

The question, Shall we accept the proposition of the citizens of Farmington for the establishment of an Academy in that Town? was discussed by Elders Jones, Colcord, Waggoner, Brethren Ambrose Johnson, Wm. Goodwin and I. M. Johns, with the question pending Conference.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.2*

Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, JUNE 5, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Eld. Waggoner. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Consideration of pending question was resumed, and voted that a committee of five be appointed by the Conference to further consider the matter. Carried. The committee was named as follows: Elders Colcord, Jones, Brethren Goodwin, Johns, and Ragsdale.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.3*

The Committee on Resolutions, reported as follows:—*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.4*

Resolved. 1. That we have unabated faith in the Testimonies which are given to the church, and we express our regret that Sister White was not able to meet with us this year. And we hereby extend to her our earnest invitation to meet with us in our camp-meeting in 1883.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.5*

2. That we extend the thanks of this Conference to the O. R. and N.

C. Railroads for the favor granted in returning to their homes at reduced fare all who came over their lines to this meeting.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.6*

The Auditing Committee reported all business settled.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.7*

Moved that Bro. Wm. Russell be requested to report labor to the Conference Committee.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.8*

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, JUNE 6, 6 A. M.

President in the chair. Prayer by Eld. Waggoner. Minutes of last meeting waived.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.9*

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses finding nothing further to report, requested to be discharged. Discharged accordingly.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.10*

Remarks by the President upon plainness of dress. Unanimously voted that the church is better off without tobacco and jewelry.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.11*

Committee on School reported that after mature deliberation on all points, we are compelled to decline the offer. Report adopted.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.12*

Moved, that agents be requested to give receipts for all money received. Carried.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.13*

A vote of thanks was tendered to the General Conference for the efficient help rendered by the labors of Eld. J. H. Waggoner.*SITI June 22, 1882, page 285.14*

Adjourned *sine die*.
G. W. COLCORD, *President*.
ALONZO F. [*sic*.] JONES, *Secretary*.

November 2, 1882

“Goodchild” The Signs of the Times 8, 41, p. 491.

GOODCHILD.—Died at her home in Eugene City, Oregon, Sept 24, 1882, Joanna Goodchild, aged 69 years and 9 months. Sister Goodchild embraced the truth under the labors of the writer, during tent labor in Eugene, the summer of 1878. She was formerly a member of the M. E. Church. She was an earnest, humble, devoted Christian, and we feel that she rests in hope. The little flock at Eugene will miss her much. But the Saviour has said, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”*SITI November 2, 1882, page 491.1*

ALONZO T. JONES.